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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>8362/85896 (BEL-P-0581)</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Paul R. Stonikas et al.</b>					

Application No. <b>09/892,137</b>	Filing Date <b>June 26, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>Suhan Ni</b>	Customer No. <b>24628</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2646</b>	Confirmation No. <b>4376</b>
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Invention: **Compressible Hearing Aid**



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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to a Final Office Action mailed December 21, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: